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SITREP 28

1. AS OF 1600 HOURS MAY 7, KABUL REMAINS QUIET AND THERE ARE MORE REPORTS THAT THE NEW REGIME CONTINUES TO STAFF THE HIGHER ECHELONS OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH ITS OWN SUPPORTERS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE MISSION, AMERICANS ARE STILL CONFINED TO KABUL PROVINCE UNLESS THEY ARE TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL OR URGENT PERSONAL BUSINESS.

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2. ACCORDING TO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS WHO ATTENDED YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, THE NEW LEADER WAS IN GOOD FORM, AND DISPLAYED GENUINE SKILL IN FIELDING SOME OF THE MORE THORNY ISSUES WHICH WERE RAISED. INTER ALIA, TARAKI DOWN-PLAYED THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM THE FIGHTING -- HE CLAIMED THERE WERE LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DEATHS -- AND AVOIDED

ANY HINTS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST, OR
EVEN LEFTIST.

3. CONTRARY TO REPORTS WE HAD HEARD EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE
FLEDGLING AFGHAN TELEVISION STATION DID NOT COMMENCE BROAD-
ASTING LAST EVENING.

4. FORMER PRIME MINISTER DR. ABDUL ZAHIR WAS OBSERVED BEING
ESCORTED FROM A DEPARTING AIRLINER BY TWO ARMED SOLDIERS TODAY.
WE DO NOT KNOW IF ZAHIR WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PERMITTED TO LEAVE
AFGHANISTAN. ANOTHER ROYAL PRIME MINISTER, MOHAMMAD MUSA SHAFIQ,
WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED A FEW DAYS AGO.

5. THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL SITREP, UNLESS THINGS HEAT UP AGAIN
HERE.
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